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REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 9-12, 14-21, 23, and 31-46 are pending. Claims 1, 5-8, 13, 22, and 24-30 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The purpose of this amendment is to cancel claim 22. The subject matter of claim 22 is presented in claim 39. Therefore, claim 22 is redundant. Other than the cancellation of claim 22, no changes have been made to the claims.

In view of the arguments and remarks presented in the amendment of 31 January 2007, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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